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SUBJECT: DATE FOR TABLING MTN OFFERS

REF: STATE 298259

1. EMBOFF INFORMED MIN COMMERCE JOINT SECRETARY S. P. SHUKLA OF US INITIATIVE AND GOALS FOR TABLING OF MTN OFFERS DECEMBER 16. SHUKLA APPRECIATED THE SIGNIFICANCE THE MTN PLAYS IN US ECONOMIC POLICY AND RECOGNIZED USG'S DILIGENCE IN SEEKING BENEFITS FOR LDC'S IN MTN CONTEXT.

2. THIS CONTEXT, HOWEVER, HE ASKED EMBASSY TO CONVEY HIS CONCERN OVER THE IMPACT "WORKING HYPOTHESIS" ARRANGEMENT WITH EC WILL HAVE ON LDC INTERESTS IN TARIFF CUTTING FORMULA. SINCE ALL AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE US AND EC HAVE BEEN REACHED IN INFORMAL MEETINGS AND HAVE BEEN LEFT TENTATIVE IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE GOAL OF FORWARD MOVEMENT, SHUKLA
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EXPLAINED, INDIA AND THE OTHER LDC'S HAVE NOT HAD AN INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK FOR CONVEYING THEIR VIEWS AND SEEKING TO HAVE THEIR INTERESTS TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT. THIS AFFECTED NOT ONLY GUIDELINES ON EXCEPTIONS BUT ALSO TIMING OF TARIFF CUTS AND OTHER FORMULA-RELATED ISSUES. SHUKLA FOUND HIMSELF IN THE POSITION OF STILL NOT BEING ABLE TO DESCRIBE TO THE POLITICAL LEVELS OF HIS GOVERNMENT

IN WHAT WAYS THE FOREWARD MOVEMENT OF THE NEGOTIATIONS
WOULD BE BENEFICIAL TO INDIA.

3. SHUKLA SAID US ATTITUDE TOWARD LDC-RELATED ISSUES WAS
REASONABLE ENOUGH, BUT HE HAD DOUBTS AS TO THE EC. HE
HOPED THAT A MEETING COULD BE HELD TO DISCUSS THESE PRO-
BLEMS, BRING PRESSURE TO BEAR ON MORE RELUCTANT GOVERNMENTS,
AND REACH SOME CONCLUSIONS. HE THOUGHT THE TNC WAS THE
APPROPRIATE FORUM FOR THIS PURPOSE. HE UNDERSTOOD THE
INDIAN MTN DELEGATION HAD RAISED THIS WITH THE US DEL IN
GENEVA, BUT HE WISHED TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO REINFORCE
THESE VIEWS.

4. COMMENT: SHUKLA DID NOT RAISE US-MEXICO AGREEMENT OR
TROPICAL PRODUCT NEGOTIATIONS.
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